

## **COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

July 11, 2017

A meeting of the Committee on Ways and Means was held this date at 5:02 p.m.

### **PRESENT (11)**

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White - <i>absent</i>	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Williams	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Riegel - <i>absent</i>	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Wilson - <i>absent</i>	District 12

#### **1. INVOCATION:**

At Councilmember Mitchell's request, the meeting was opened with an invocation provided by Reverend Charles Heyward.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The June 20, 2017 minutes were deferred.

#### **3. BIDS AND PURCHASES:**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve the bids and purchases as follows:

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: ACCOUNT:161000-52058/52740/52206**  
**APPROPRIATION: \$2,675.95/\$28,001.56/\$20,000**

Approval to purchase new CISCO Telecom Call Center hardware and software from Internetwork Engineering. State Contract: 4400014170. This purchase includes all necessary hardware and software to provide the required technology to stand up a new Call Center operation in the Gaillard Center Municipal Operations Building. This system will integrate into

the existing Cisco Voice over IP (VoIP) core system at the Gaillard Center and provide a robust and flexible platform for up to ten Call Center staff to provide effective and direct citizen service and support. Includes analytics and reporting capabilities for quality of service (QoS) administration.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: ACCOUNT: 210000-58015 APPROPRIATION: \$45,282.07**

Approval to purchase one (1) 4-stage air compressor from Safe Air Systems, Inc., 210 Labrador Dr., Randleman, NC 27317; Solicitation #17-B023S

**BFRG: ACCOUNT: 322000-52206 APPROPRIATION: \$118,000**

Approval to extend contract for waste collection services on Daniel Island & Cainhoy with Republic Services of SC, LLP, PO Box 2748, 150 Suburban Lane, Summerville, SC 29484. This is to extend the contract until December 31, 2017.

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: ACCOUNT: 230000-52204 APPROPRIATION: \$65,613**

Approval to increase amount of Bihl Engineering, LLC contract (Solicitation #14-P004R) from \$39,000 to \$65,613 to cover the additional cost of the Upper Peninsula Traffic Review (\$7,013) and the proposed Hagood Avenue Extension Review (\$23,600). The initial study of the upper peninsula was \$35,000.

**4. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2017 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,669 TO INSTALL A GENERATOR AT THE JAMES ISLAND RECREATION CENTER FOR POLICE SAFE HARBOR. A 25% MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,917 WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE 2018 BUDGET.**

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application in the amount of \$99,669 to install a generator at the James Island Recreation Center for police safe harbor.

**5. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2017 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 FOR SERVICES TO UPDATE THE CITY'S ADDENDUM TO THE CHARLESTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. A 25% MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,750 WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE 2018 BUDGET.**

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application in the amount of \$75,000 for services to update the City's addendum to the Charleston County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**6. POLICE DEPARTMENT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE 2017 HAZARD MITIGATION**

**GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,192 TO INSTALL A GENERATOR AT THE POLICE TEAM 4 (W. ASHLEY) TEAM OFFICE FOR POLICE SAFE HARBOR. A 25% MATCH OF \$25,298 IS REQUESTED IN THE 2018 BUDGET.**

Chairman Moody stated that as he reviewed these, it seemed like the City was spending a lot of money on 2018 that they did not know if they were going to receive.

On a motion of Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application in the amount of \$101,192 to install a generator at the Police Team 4 (W. Ashley) team office for police safe harbor.

**7. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE NATIONAL COMPLETE STREETS COALITION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SAFE STREETS ACADEMY. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WILL REQUEST TO BUDGET APPROXIMATELY \$12,000 FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2018.**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit the National Complete Streets Coalition Grant application for the Safe Streets Academy.

**8. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS, ART WORKS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000. FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR MARKETING AND PROMOTION OF THE ARTS IN CHARLESTON AND REGIONALLY. A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 IS REQUIRED. THE MATCH WILL COME FROM CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AND FROM DIGITAL ADVERTISING REVENUES.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works Grant Program in the amount of \$20,000.

**9. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM SOUTH ARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,128. FUNDS WILL SUPPORT THE LITERARY CORNER EVENT OF THE 2017 MOJA ARTS FESTIVAL. A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,128 IS REQUIRED. THE MATCH WILL COME FROM CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to accept a grant from South Arts in the amount of \$2,128.

**10. OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000. FUNDS**

**WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT MARKETING AND CENTRALIZED TICKETING SERVICES TO BENEFIT LOCAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ARTISTS THROUGHOUT CHARLESTON. A CITY MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 IS REQUIRED. THE MATCH WILL COME FROM CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS AND FROM DIGITAL ADVERTISING REVENUES.**

Councilmember Seekings asked what the digital advertising revenues were and how the City generated these funds. Gordon Rooney, Office of Cultural Affairs Manager, stated that if the City were awarded the grant funds, the City would use the money to support marketing efforts for individual artists and arts organizations. An example might include something like a banner ad on the City's Facebook page.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to apply for funding from the National Endowment for the Arts in the amount of \$50,000.

**11. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SCEMD FOR THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP – 4286) RELATED TO HURRICANE MATTHEW. THIS GRANT IS FOR THE STRUCTURAL RETROFIT OF FIRE STATION NO. 2 & 3 AT MEETING & WENTWORTH STREET. CONSTRUCTED IN 1887, FS 2 & 3 IS A HISTORIC UNREINFORCED MASONRY STRUCTURE THAT IS HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE FROM EARTHQUAKES, HURRICANES, FLOODING, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS WORK IS \$8,361,410. FEMA WOULD PROVIDE 75% OF THE REQUIRED FUNDING, OR \$6,271,057 ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. THE CITY'S MATCHING FUNDS WOULD BE \$2,090,353. WORK IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS FROM THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE. IF AWARDED, THE GRANT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO PHASES. PHASE ONE WOULD INCLUDE DESIGN AND PERMITTING NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE WORK (CITY MATCH: \$182,801), REQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 72 WEEKS. PHASE TWO IS THE PHYSICAL WORK OF THE STRUCTURAL RETROFIT, INCLUDING MINOR SITE MODIFICATIONS (CITY MATCH: \$1,907,552), REQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 82 WEEKS. TIMELINES ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION BASED ON PERMITTING, APPROVAL SCHEDULES, ETC. FUNDING COULD BE AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS 4Q 2017. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT FOR THIS ACTION. AN APPROVAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION WILL ONLY ALLOW THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENT TO FEMA VIA THE SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. HOWEVER, THE FISCAL IMPACT WILL OCCUR IF THE GRANT APPLICATION IS APPROVED FOR AWARD. THE APPLICATION MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE SCEMD SYSTEM BY AUGUST 1, 2017 FOR CONSIDERATION.**

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit an application to the SCEMD for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP – 4286) related to Hurricane Matthew (Fire

Station No. 2 & 3 on Meeting and Wentworth Streets).

**12. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SCEMD FOR THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP-4286) RELATED TO HURRICANE MATTHEW. THIS GRANT IS FOR THE STRUCTURAL RETROFIT OF FIRE STATION NO. 8 ON HUGER STREET. CONSTRUCTED IN 1910, FS 8 IS A HISTORIC UNREINFORCED MASONRY STRUCTURE THAT IS HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE FROM EARTHQUAKES, HURRICANES, FLOODING, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS WORK IS \$3,869,643. FEMA WOULD PROVIDE 75% OF THE REQUIRED FUNDING, OR \$2,902,232 ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. THE CITY'S MATCHING FUNDS WOULD BE \$967,411. WORK IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS FROM THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE. IF AWARDED, THE GRANT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO PHASES. PHASE ONE WOULD INCLUDE DESIGN AND PERMITTING NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE WORK (CITY MATCH: \$93,538), REQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 72 WEEKS. PHASE TWO IS THE PHYSICAL WORK OF THE STRUCTURAL RETROFIT, INCLUDING MINOR SITE MODIFICATIONS (CITY MATCH: \$873,873), REQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 82 WEEKS. TIMELINES ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION BASED ON PERMITTING, APPROVAL SCHEDULES, ETC. FUNDING COULD BE AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS 4Q 2017. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT FOR THIS ACTION. AN APPROVAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION WILL ONLY ALLOW THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENT TO FEMA VIA THE SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. HOWEVER, THE FISCAL IMPACT WILL OCCUR IF THE GRANT APPLICATION IS APPROVED FOR AWARD. THE APPLICATION MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE SCEMD SYSTEM BY AUGUST 1, 2017 FOR CONSIDERATION.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit an application to the SCEMD for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP-4286) related to Hurricane Matthew (Fire Station No. 8 on Huger Street).

**13. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SCEMD FOR THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP-4286) RELATED TO HURRICANE MATTHEW. THIS GRANT IS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT BACK-UP POWER SYSTEMS AT FOUR EXISTING FIRE STATIONS (STATIONS 2&3, 8, 12, AND 17). THESE SYSTEMS WOULD REPLACE EXISTING UNDERSIZED GENERATORS WITH NEW DIESEL GENERATORS AND AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS CAPABLE OF PROVIDING FULL POWER TO THE STATIONS FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE WEEK. THE GENERATORS TO BE REPLACED RANGE IN AGE FROM 20-38 YEARS. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS WORK IS \$460,602. FEMA WOULD PROVIDE 75% OF THE REQUIRED FUNDING, OR \$345,451, ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. THE CITY'S MATCHING FUNDS WOULD BE \$115,151. WORK IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN MONTHS FROM THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE. IF**

**AWARDED. THE GRANT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN A SINGLE PHASE. TIMELINES ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION BASED ON PERMITTING, APPROVAL SCHEDULES, ETC. FUNDING COULD BE AVAILABLE AS EARLY AS 4Q 2017. THERE IS NO FISCAL IMPACT FOR THIS ACTION. AN APPROVAL OF THE GRANT APPLICATION WILL ONLY ALLOW THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE DOCUMENT TO FEMA VIA THE SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. HOWEVER, THE FISCAL IMPACT WILL OCCUR IF THE GRANT APPLICATION IS APPROVED FOR AWARD. THE APPLICATION MUST BE DOWNLOADED TO THE SCEMD SYSTEM BY AUGUST 1, 2017 FOR CONSIDERATION.**

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to submit an application to the SCEMD for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP-4286) related to Hurricane Matthew (back-up power for Fire Stations 2&3, 8, 12, and 17).

**14. PARKS-CAPITAL PROJECTS: APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT AND FEE AMENDMENT #9 WITH DAVIS & FLOYD, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTION SERVICES BEFORE AND DURING THE PENDING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC CONVERSION OF SPRING AND CANNON STREETS. TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTION WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF THE TWO-WAY CONVERSION BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE QUANTITY AND TRAVEL SPEED OF VEHICLES AT KEY LOCATIONS. FEE AMENDMENT IS A NOT-TO-EXCEED \$30,000 ALONG WITH REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES BEING INCREASED BY \$5,000 DUE TO AN EXTENDED CONTRACT PERIOD DURING THE CWS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND OVERLAP WITH SPRING-FISHBURNE DRAINAGE PROJECT. THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET REMAINS UNCHANGED. THE CONTRACT TIME WILL INCREASE BY 790 DAYS TO A NEW CONTRACT COMPLETION DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 2017. APPROVAL OF THE FEE AMENDMENT WILL INCREASE THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH DAVIS & FLOYD, INC. BY \$35,000 FROM \$209,371.83 TO \$244,371.83. THE OVERALL CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WILL INCREASE FROM \$821,182.83 TO \$856,182.83. THE FUNDING SOURCES FOR THIS PROJECT ARE: 2000 GENERAL FUND RESERVES (\$300,000) AND GATEWAY TIF (\$5,852,128). WORK MUST OCCUR BEGINNING WITHIN A 3-WEEK PERIOD AFTER SPRING/FISHBURNE DRAINAGE, PHASE 2 HAS COMPLETED STREET CLOSURES ON PRESIDENT STREET (ESTIMATED MID-JULY) AND DURING THE 6-8 WEEK PERIOD FOLLOWING THE FULL CONVERSION TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.**

Councilmember Lewis asked how far along the City was in completing the conversion on Spring and Cannon Streets. He said the City approved this item about 17 to 18 years ago. When they approved the item, the traffic downtown was much different. He hoped that they looked at the corridor to make sure this was something they still wanted to do before they kept spending money. Spring Street was not a very wide street, and it was very different when this item was first approved. It was a small street with a lot of traffic, and there were a number of cars parked up and down the street. The City had bigger emergency vehicles trying to get

through two-way traffic, and he wanted the City to look at this.

Matt Compton, Senior Project Administrator, explained that this fee amendment would allow data to be collected before the City conducted the conversion, which would take place on the existing pavement for a couple of months. They would scrape off the old lines, paint the proposed layout, and would see how it worked and what needed to be adjusted. They would then resurface later in the year and complete the final layout. The traffic counts would provide empirical data about traffic volume and speeds, and they would compare this information to the traffic study that was conducted a decade earlier.

Councilmember Mitchell asked if there would still be parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Compton confirmed and stated there would be some loss in parking at intersections associated with sight-distance requirements and turn lanes. They would also be eliminating a right-turn at one of the lights per the requirements of the traffic study and the Department of Transportation's permit. Councilmember Mitchell wanted the City to look very seriously at the parking issue because currently, drivers were very close to cars that were parked on the street. Most of the homes around there did not have parking, so residents had to park on the street, and he was concerned this could cause bad accidents because it did not leave drivers any room for error.

Mr. Compton stated they would be meeting with the streetscape contractor later that week. They had about a block and a half left of work to do on the President Street end and a couple of small areas up and down the street. Towards the end of July and middle of August, they would be able to schedule the two-way conversion. There would be a media blitz in advance, and it would take about two weeks to complete the work. They would start at one end of Spring Street and complete the work in sections. It would take about a full week to complete Spring Street, and then the City would spend another full week completing Cannon Street, so that they could complete the lining. Councilmember Mitchell asked if SCDOT would be fixing the street first before this was done. Mr. Compton said the City was working with the County, and the County was contributing \$500,000 towards the resurfacing of the road. The State had asked the City to put the two-way conversion down and adjust it first to look at how it was working because they did not want to resurface and have to move lines all over the place. They wanted to try it and be able to change it over a six to eight week period to ensure they had the right counts and site distances in place at the intersections. They would then resurface it, and it would be striped to the final plan. The two-way conversion would be very helpful for the resurfacing in enabling them to minimize the traffic interruption. Otherwise, they would have to do work in the middle of the night to avoid impacting traffic. By having the roads converted in advance, they would be able to keep at least half of the capacity in place while they resurfaced one road. They could avoid having to work at night when paving operations could be very disruptive to residents.

Councilmember Mitchell asked if the City would have to go back to the drawing board if it saw a problem. Mr. Compton said the City's goal was to implement the two-way conversion, which had been approved, but if there was a change, they would identify the process and make it

happen very quickly. He said the worst case scenario would be that they go back to the existing layout, and they knew what those markings and signage looked like, so they would just put it back and take down the traffic signals that addressed the now-removed traffic. They thought the plan would work because it would slow traffic, which was one of the primary goals. It was his understanding that the neighborhood had pushed for traffic calming, and they wanted to have a neighborhood feel as opposed to a thoroughfare. They saw the success of the Beaufain/Wentworth conversion, and if the goal was to slow traffic, it would do this. They were hoping that with the traffic counts which they would get with this fee amendment, they would be able to show that it had reduced from over 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour, which would be a little below the posted speed limit. The capacity would be about the same. Councilmember Mitchell asked if this would start from President Street, and Mr. Compton confirmed that the conversion would start and stop at President Street.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve a Professional Services Contract and Fee Amendment #9 with Davis & Floyd, Inc., in the amount of \$35,000 to provide traffic data collection services before and during the pending two-way traffic conversion of Spring and Cannon Streets.

**15. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL FOR VAC VISION ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC TO MAKE SPOT REPAIRS AND LINE THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN IN ASHLEY AVENUE FROM BROAD TO TRADD STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,250.**

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve for Vac Vision Environmental, LLC to make spot repairs and line the existing storm drain in Ashley Avenue from Broad to Tradd Street in the amount of \$83,250.

**16. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL FOR B&C LAND DEVELOPMENT TO REPAIR A BROKEN STORM DRAIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$112,729 ON COLONIAL AND TRADD STREETS AND INSTALL A CURED IN PLACE PIPE LINER (CIPP) ON TRADD TO PREVENT THE COLLAPSE OF THE EXISTING STORM DRAIN BETWEEN RUTLEDGE AND COLONIAL STREETS. A PART OF THE WORK WAS PERFORMED AS AN EMERGENCY REPAIR DUE TO THE NEED TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE SURROUNDING STREETS AND PROPERTIES.**

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve for B&C Land Development to repair a broken storm drain in the amount of \$112,729 on Colonial and Tradd Streets and install a cured in place pipe liner (CIPP) on Tradd to prevent the collapse of the existing storm drain between Rutledge and Colonial Streets.

**17. PUBLIC SERVICE: APPROVAL OF LUMP SUM WORK AUTHORIZATION #7 UNDER**



**EXISTING MASTER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH AECOM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,913 TO UPDATE THE STORMWATER DESIGN STANDARDS MANUAL AND STORMWATER ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH THE LATEST STATE REQUIREMENTS. AS NOTED IN THE COVER MEMORANDUM FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM, THE REVISED MANUAL WILL FOCUS ON IMPROVING PROCESSES, MODERNIZING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND ENGAGING WITH TECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS DURING MANUAL REVISION. DRAINAGE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THIS CONTRACT.**

Councilmember Gregorie said he wanted to make sure that when they looked at the Stormwater Manual, that they also looked at the drainage bonus points discussed with regards to the Gathering Place zoning, which went over and above what was required. He thought it would be a good idea to see whether or not they could fold these in as requirements, given the unique drainage situation they had in the City. He said he had some preliminary discussions with Laura Cabiness, Director of Public Service, but he thought if they revisited the Stormwater Manual to make sure State requirements were included, and the City was consistent with these, they needed to go further and look at the drainage bonus points that were given when the City was trying to revise the Gathering Place zoning.

Ms. Cabiness said she thought this would be fine, and the City had plans to look at the whole manual, including low impact development and green infrastructure. She thought that would fit into this.

On a motion of Councilmember Waring, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to approve lump sum work authorization #7 under the existing Master Agreement for professional services with AECOM in the amount of \$245,913 to update the Stormwater Design Standards Manual and Stormwater Ordinance to comply with the latest state requirements.

**18. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS WITH LOW COUNTRY VENDORS, MARK RYERSON, CHRISTOPHER GRIMALDA, CHUN HONG CHAN, ANDREW SPATIDOL, AND SASSYASS COFFEE FOR CERTAIN DESIGNATED SPACES WITHIN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON FROM WHICH FOOD OR DRINK OR READING MATERIAL SOLD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SALE OF FOOD OR DRINK MAY BE SOLD FROM STATIONARY CARTS OR OTHER DEVICES.**

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, the Committee on Ways and Means voted to recommend giving first reading to the following ordinance:

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Charleston Franchise Agreements with Low Country Vendors, Mark Ryerson, Christopher Grimalda, Chun Hong Chan, Andrew Spatidol, and Sassyass Coffee for certain designated spaces within the City of*

*Charleston from which food or drink or reading material sold in conjunction with the sale of food or drink may be sold from stationary carts or other devices.*

Councilmember Gregorie abstained from voting.

**19. THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE: (MEETING WAS HELD JULY 11, 2017 AT 4:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 80 BROAD STREET)**

- a. Request approval to enter into a Special Use Permit with the U.S. National Park Service for the First Day Festival at Liberty Square. The Permit begins at 8:30 a.m. on August 11, 2017 and ends at 6:00 p.m. on August 13, 2017. There is no fee associated with the Permit. The City must leave the area in the same condition as it was found.
- b. Request authorization to execute the Lease Agreement for the City to lease 134 Cannon Street from 134 Cannon Street, LLC, for use as a cultural arts and performance center. (TMS: 460-11-04-1558)
- c. Request approval for the Mayor to execute the Right of Way Easement whereby the City grants the Commissioners of Public Works a non-exclusive right-of-way and utility easement for the 99 West Edge Project. (99 West Edge; TMS: 460-00-00-022) The property is owned by the City of Charleston.
- d. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Quitclaim Deed to Gadsden Development Company II, LLC conveying to Gadsden Development Company II, LLC any interest of the City to a strip of land constituting the northern portion of Laurens Street as it abuts TMS. No. 458-01-02-063, said strip measuring six inches in width by 341.96 feet in length, for a consideration of \$19,446.12, the form of said Quitclaim Deed being subject to approval of the Office of Corporation Counsel.
- e. Consider the following annexations:
  - (i) Bender Street (TMS# 418-07-00-018) 0.13 acre, West Ashley (District 3). The property is owned by the City of Charleston.
  - (ii) Oakville Plantation Road (TMS# 317-00-00-007) 18.61 acres, Johns Island (District 5). The property is owned by Keith W. Lackey, et al.

Councilmember White, Chair of the Real Estate Committee, stated the Committee considered a permit between the City and the U.S. National Park Service for the use of Liberty Square for the First Day Festival, a Lease Agreement between the City and 134 Cannon Street, LLC, a right of way easement for CPW at West Edge, and an ordinance authorizing a quit claim deed for a portion of property on Gadsden Square to Gadsden Development Company II, LLC. There were also two annexations, and all items were approved unanimously. The Committee

also had a brief discussion around Flagship 3, and they would be asking Ernest Andrade to attend the next meeting of City Council to give a further update on the project's progress.

Councilmember Lewis asked if there were other properties in the Maryville/Ashleyville area that were not in the City, and Jacob Lindsey, Director of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability confirmed that there were. Councilmember Lewis asked if the area near the park that was being built was in the City. Mr. Lindsey confirmed and stated the properties bounding the Bender Street Park were in the City.

Councilmember Gregorie said while he supported Item b, he still thought there was a process that should be followed, and it should have gone before the Recreation Committee because it fell under the Committee's purview. In the future, he thought this should always come before the Committee before it came to the body as a whole. Chairman Moody said they had a robust discussion in the Real Estate Committee about the lease and the terms. Councilmember Gregorie said that many things the City worked on involved more than one committee, and he thought something of this magnitude should have come before the Recreation Committee since the Committee had proposed and brought forward separating the Commission on Arts on History. Chairman Moody said he thought that as the program was planned, this would go to the Recreation Committee.

Mayor Tecklenburg said the lease for 134 Cannon Street represented the opportunity to create an amazing cultural arts center for the community, particularly for community arts groups that could not afford the high rents. The flexibility and the layout of the building allowed it to be used by a number of local community arts organizations at the same time. He said he would be happy to bring it next to the Recreation Committee to discuss the use and plans going forward. It would be a great cultural asset for the City.

Councilmember Gregorie asked why the City was leasing it because he thought the building was for sale. Mayor Tecklenburg said the building was for sale at one point, but the City did not buy it. This was a couple of years ago, and the current owner bought it at that time.

Councilmember Waring said there had been a great bit of discussion on this item, and it was a noble thing that was being done for the community. It would open up opportunities for groups that did not have a lot of access to venues. He thanked Mr. Patterson Smith and the Real Estate Committee.

Patterson Smith addressed the Committee and said that it was a privilege to bring this project forward for the citizens of Charleston. He thought it was a classic win-win as a public/private partnership. He was glad he could be a vehicle to benefit cultural aspects of the community and credited Mayor Tecklenburg for inspiring this idea and how important the arts were to him.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Waring, the Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Real Estate Report.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended giving first reading to the following bills:

*An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City a Quitclaim Deed to Gadsden Development Company II, LLC conveying to Gadsden Development Company II, LLC any interest of the City to a strip of land constituting the northern portion of Laurens Street as it abuts TMS. No. 458-01-02-063, said strip measuring six inches in width by 341.96 feet in length, for a consideration of \$19,446.12, the form of said Quitclaim Deed being subject to approval of the Office of Corporation Counsel.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as Bender Street (0.13 acre) (TMS# 418-07-00-018), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 3. The property is owned by City of Charleston.*

*An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as Oakville Plantation Road (approximately 18.61 acres) (TMS# 317-00-00-007), Johns Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 5. The property is owned by Keith W. Lackey et al.*

There being no further business presented, the Committee on Ways and Means adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Jennifer Cook  
Assistant Clerk of Council